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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hiroshi MURAKAMI) Group Art Unit: 1763 *HGA*
Serial No.: 09/897,900) Examiner: L. Alejandro Mulero *12/20/02*
Filed: July 5, 2001)
For: VACUUM ARC EVAPORATION)
SOURCE AND FILM)
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action mailed October 8, 2002, please enter the following amendments. Also, please reexamine and reconsider the application in view of these amendments and the appended remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, and 11 as follows:

1. (Amended) A vacuum arc evaporation source, comprising:
a plurality of cathodes, each made of different materials; and
a plurality of insulating layers for insulating the plurality of cathodes from each other;